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: METHOD FOR

REPRODUCING CONIFERS

BY SOMATIC

EMBRYOGENESIS USING GALACTOSE CONTAINING COMPOUNDS AS A CARBON

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## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

In response to the Office action dated August 21, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration on the merits and allowance of the claims. A petition for a one month extension of time, extending the date for response from November 21, 2008 to December 22, 2008, accompanies this response. The fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) will be paid at the time of filing. No additional fees are believed due with this submission. However, if additional fees are owed, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1965.

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